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DEPARTMENT FOR BF/FS

SAN SALVADOR FOR RSO

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SUBJECT: FISCAL IRREGULARITY - AMADOR

REF: (A) STATE 243624 (NOTAL) ; (B) MANAGUA 4547

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AMADOR CASE:

1. DURING MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST, EMBASSY IN CONTACT WITH AN INFORMANT WHO VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING: AT SOME UNKNOWN DATE, AMADOR HAD TRANSFERRED FROM BANCO SANTANDER IN MADRID, A LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO AN ACCOUNT REPORTEDLY IN NAME OF ROGER M. HERRERA, NUMBERED 17041 OR 170041, AT THE SWISS BANK CORPORATION OR SWISS BANKING ASSOCIATION IN PANAMA. EXACT AMOUNT IN ACCOUNT NOT KNOWN BUT INFORMANT BELIEVED THERE TO BE OVER DOLS 40,000.

AMADOR WAS REPORTED TO BE USING NICARAGUAN PASSPORT IN NAME OF JAIME JOSE FLORES.

2. DURING SEPTEMBER, A SECOND VOLUNTARY INFORMANT STATED THAT AMADOR HAD GONE TO PANAMA TO WITHDRAW FUNDS BUT THAT HE HAD BEEN
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UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE HE LACKED PROPER IDENTIFYING DOCUMENTATION. EN ROUTE BACK TO NICARAGUA, AMADOR WAS REPORTEDLY STRANDED IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, WITHOUT FUNDS. (FIRST INFORMANT STATED THAT AMADOR HAD A CONTACT IN SAN JOSE, A LAWYER NAMED JUAN GAITAN).

3. NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES SUGGESTED EMBASSY SEEK ASSISTANCE OF U.S. OFFICES TO VERIFY REPORTS. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE SENT

(REF B) TO PANAMA AND SAN JOSE.

(A) SAN JOSE REPLIED THAT (1) NICARAGUAN CITIZEN FITTING AMADOR'S DESCRIPTION ENTERED COSTA RICA ON SEPTEMBER 17 UNDER NAME OF JUAN FLORES PEREIRA, BUT THAT WHEREABOUTS NOT KNOWN (2) THAT AT REQUEST OF NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES THERE IS WARRANT FOR AMADOR'S ARREST IN COSTA RICA (3) THAT AMADOR'S CONTACT, JUAN JOSE GAITAN RAMIREZ, HAD BEEN LOCATED.

(B) AMEMBASSY PANAMA MADE CONTACT WITH SWISS BANK CORPORATION AND ALTHOUGH BANK OFFICIALS VERY COOPERATIVE AND WILLING TO HELP, EXISTENCE OF REPORTED ACCOUNT COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED.

4. MANAGUA HAS TAKEN FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ACTION TO ATTEMPT TO TRACK DOWN AMADOR:

(A) PHOTOS OF AMADOR HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO SAN JOSE, ALONG WITH MORE IDENTIFYING DATA.

(B) FOLLOW-UP CABLE SENT TO PANAMA ASKING ASSISTANCE IN CONFIRMING EXISTENCE AMADOR BANK ACCOUNT IN ANY SWISS BANK IN PANAMA.

5. WE CONTINUE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES, BUT THE POLICE HAVE TOLD US THAT CURRENT UNREST IN THE COUNTRY PRECLUDES DEVOTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES TO THIS CASE. AT THIS STAGE, THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE IT IN OUR INTEREST TO LOCATE AMADOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SEEK HIS ARREST BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES, WHEREEVER HE MAY BE. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AND SUGGESTION OF OTHER POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION.
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